

REACH OUT RAPID RIVER

Rapid River Public School's Newsletter

October/November 2012

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

It is a pleasure to be writing my inaugural piece as the Superintendent of the Rapid River Public Schools. There are a number of important items I want to be certain you are aware of.

First, the Rapid River Lions Club will once again be hosting the annual activities fund raising dinner, on October 20. Doors open at 4:00 p.m. with dinner at 5:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults; \$5 for students aged 6-10; five and under are free. There will be raffles, drawings, and activities for the kids. Please plan to support this important fund raiser, as all of the proceeds for this event go directly to support the student activities at the Rapid River Schools.

You will be seeing a school related ballot question in November that requires your support. It is time to renew our Non-Homestead Millage. This is NOT a new tax, NOT an increase, and NOT applied to family homes. This standard millage, on non-homestead properties, has been around since the adoption of Proposal A, and is an essential component of the school's operational revenue. Your support is greatly appreciated.

There are a couple of "new faces" in the elementary classrooms, although they may be quite familiar to some. Karen Wolf, who has been working in Title I in the district, and Amanda Spreitzer, who has been working with Headstart, are now part-time classroom teachers. This is an excellent instructional intervention to address the academic needs of our young learners. We welcome Karen and Amanda and wish them well with this new challenge.

Dr. Jay Kulbertis
Superintendent

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 1 – PTC mtg., 5:30 p.m. in the elementary teacher's lounge.

October 3 – Rapid River Sports Boosters mtg., 6:00 p.m. in the library.

October 8 – School Board mtg., 6:30 p.m. in the library.

October 19 – No School – Teacher In-Service

October 31 – Trick or Treat, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.; Halloween Carnival, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

November 5 – PTC mtg., 5:30 p.m. in the elementary teacher's lounge.

November 7 – Rapid River Sports Boosters mtg., 6:00 p.m. in the library.

November 8 – Noon Dismissal – Parent/Teacher Conferences

November 12 – School Board mtg., 6:30 p.m. in the library.

November 15 & 16 – No School – U.P. Holiday

November 21, 22, & 23 – No School – Thanksgiving Break

ATHLETIC EVENTS

Varsity Football

October

6	Sup. Central	Away	3:00
12	Mid Pen	Away	7:00
19	Bellaire	Home	7:00

J.V. Football

October

6	Sup. Central	Away	12:00
19	Bellaire	Home	4:00

Junior High Football

October

6	Mid Pen	Home	6:00
10	Holy Name	Away	6:00

Volleyball

October

4	Sup. Central/ Carney	S. Central	5:00
6	JV Invite Menominee	MHS	*9:00 a.m.
9	Sup. Central/ Carney	Home	5:00
11	CCFP	Home	6:00

16	N. Dickinson	Away	*5:30
20	JV Tourney Marquette	Away	9:00 a.m.
20	Varsity Invite Stephenson	Away	*9:00 a.m.
22	Gladstone (JV)	Away	6:00
23	Mid Pen/ Big Bay	Home	5:00

25	N. Central	Away	*5:30
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Girls' Junior High Basketball

October

1	Big Bay	Home	6:00
8	Manistique	Away	6:00
15	Sup. Central	Home	6:00
16	Mid Pen	Home	6:00

Boys' Junior High Basketball

October

25	Mid Pen	Home	6:00
29	Manistique	Away	6:00

November

1	Munising	Home	6:00
5	Big Bay	Away	6:00
8	Sup. Central	Home	6:00
12	Mid Pen	Away	6:00
13	Sup. Central	Away	6:00
19	Gladstone	Away	6:00
26	Manistique	Home	6:00
29	Big Bay	Away	6:00

Girls' JV & Varsity Basketball

November

27	Mid Pen	Home	6:00
30	N. Central	Away	*5:15

Boys' JV & Varsity Basketball

December

3	Carney	Away	*5:15
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*Central Time

HALLOWEEN

Trick or Treat will be October 31 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. The carnival will follow from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

SUPER ONE SLIPS

Please save your Super One slips for the Senior Class All Night Graduation Party. Slips can be dropped off in either office.

SCHOOL BOARD

HIGHLIGHTS

Regular Mtg., August 20, 2012

Zach Anderson, representing the graduated Class of 2012, presented an American flag to the board which was flown over the United States capitol on July 8, 2012 in honor/memory of Col. Joseph P. Micks. President Lundquist thanked those present from the class for such a special donation.

Principal Bill Warning updated board members on behalf of the superintendent as follow:

-notified board members that Northstar Staffing has had some resignations and hires. Kurt Almonroeder, Assistant Varsity Football Coach, and Lauren Marshall, J.V. Girls' Basketball Coach have resigned. New hires by Northstar are Michelle Carne, Varsity Girls' Basketball Coach, and Tyler Kuehl, Assistant Varsity Football Coach.

Motion made and approved:

-to approve the Dual Superintendency Cooperative Agreement with Gladstone Area Schools.

-to appoint Karen Lundquist and Sally Guay to the Gladstone/Rapid River Dual Superintendency Council.

-to change the date of the regular meetings to the 2nd Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

-to accept the resignation of Henry Knoch as superintendent effective immediately.

-to accept the resignation of Bus Driver Terry Asplund effective immediately.

-to proceed with a February 2013 election for a bond proposal.

-to hire Integrated Designs as the architectural firm to oversee the project.

-to give the softball program permission to construct a 10' x 16' building near the ball field.

-to certify the 2012 tax levies as 18.00 non-homestead; 4.18 mills for the 2012 debt and 2.82 mills for the 2007 debt.

-to opt in to Schools of Choice Section 105 and 105c except for the kindergarten grade level for the 2012/13 school year.

-to accept the generous donation of \$1,850 from the Rapid River Memorial Day Parade Committee (\$700 to their

scholarship principal plus \$500 to this year's scholarship as well as \$300 to Reading Buddies and \$350 to the library.

Regular Mtg., September 10, 2012

Superintendent Jay Kulbertis reiterated the value of the Council while transitioning to the new dual superintendency. He also commented how helpful and creative staff have been as the school year begins.

Mrs. Joy McKnight presented the 2011/12 Annual Education Report.

Motion made and approved:

-to accept the resignations of Cyndi Lundquist and Amy Lundberg as instructional aides.

-to accept the donation of school supplies and \$100 for additional supplies from the American Legion Post #301 and to accept the donation of \$50 for the Reading Buddies program from the American Legion Auxiliary.

During Audience Communications Wayne Christoff inquired about current enrollment, Michelle Denkins inquired about the part time elementary teachers that are being hired and Karen Lundquist informed those present of the October 20, 2012 Lions' Club fundraiser dinner.

For complete minutes go to our website at www.rapidriver.k12.mi.us.

LIONS' CLUB FUND RAISER

The school district, in conjunction with the Rapid River Lions Club, will be holding its 2nd annual activities fund raising dinner on Saturday, October 20th. The event is being held at the Rapid River Lions Club. The doors will open at 4:00 p.m. and dinner will be served from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Cost of the dinner is as follows: adults \$10.00, children ages six to ten years \$5.00 and under five are free. Tickets will be sold by staff and student groups or call the high school office at 474-6411. Tickets will also be sold at the door the day of the event and take out will be available. In-house raffles, 50/50 drawings and activities for kids are planned. All proceeds from the dinner will be used to support student activities in the Rapid River School. Please join us for a delicious BBQ chicken dinner on October 20th.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Conferences will be Thursday, November 8 from 1:00 – 6:00 p.m. Notes will be sent home with scheduled times for K-5 students.

Grades 6-12 parents may pick up their student's report card in the high school office. No appointments will be made. If parents are unable to attend, the student will receive his/her report card the following day. Lunch will be served prior to a noon dismissal.

INDIAN ED NEWS

Mr. Pilon has been very busy helping students. It's great to see kids seeking out his help so they don't fall behind. If you feel your son/daughter could use some help please call our office at 474-3572.

Mrs. Cutter has a new showcase up by the library featuring lodges of the Anishinabek. Please check it out when visiting our school.

LIBRARY

Make sure your child returns their library books each week so other children can check them out too. Younger children need adults to help them with this, so please put the book(s) in their backpack so they get to school. Teachers are very good at helping the kids go through their backpacks in search of items.

The library is in need of headphones. Ours no longer work. If you have any small, lightweight headphones you can donate, it would be appreciated. They can be dropped off in either office.

THANK YOU

Rapid River's American Legion Post #301 and Auxiliary gave our school many school supplies such as: book bags, notebooks, portfolios, colored markers, pencils, crayons, watercolors, rulers, scissors, highlighters, pens, pencils, calculators, and so much more! In addition to all the much-appreciated supplies, they also presented \$150 to our principal, Mr. Warning, for the school and Reading Buddies program. All items will be put to good use by our students. Thank you so very much!

